

Please amend the following claims:

B2 1. (Twice amended) A stable, sterile gelled composition which comprises: a matrix containing a negative charged polymer [selected from the group] consisting of sodium hyaluronate [polysulfated glucosoglycans, glucosaminoglycans, mucopolysaccharides, and mixtures thereof and having an average molecular weight between about 650,000 and 800,000] blended with a nonionic polymer, wherein the molar ratio of the negative charged polymer to the nonionic polymer is 1:0.5 to 4 and the negative charged polymer is present in amounts of about 2.0% to about 3.5% by weight of the resulting composition, and wherein the composition is storage stable and is capable of being topically administered to an animal.

B2 2. (Twice amended) An antiarthritic gelled composition, which comprises: therapeutically effective amounts of an active NSAID drug dispersed within a matrix containing a negative charged polymer consisting of sodium hyaluronate [having an average molecular weight between about 650,000 and 800,000] blended with a nonionic polymer, wherein the molar ratio of the charged polymer to the nonionic polymer is 1:0.5 to 4 and the negative charged polymer is present in amounts of about 2.0% to about 3.0% by weight of the resulting composition, and wherein the composition is storage stable and transdermally delivers said therapeutically effective amounts of the NSAID drug.